

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are presented as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, the method comprising: receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;
initiating a service origination process from the source communication device;
transmitting a response to the floor-control request; and
delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further including caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein receiving the floor-control request is in short data burst form.
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35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, comprising:
 - means for receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;
 - means for initiating a service origination process from the source communication device;
 - means for transmitting a response to the floor-control request; and
 - means for delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device.
36. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 35, further including means for caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
37. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.
39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.
40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving includes means for receiving the floor-control request in short data burst form.
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52. (Previously presented) An apparatus for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, comprising:
a receiver capable to receive a floor-control request for initiating a group call and a service origination process from a source communication device;
a transmitter capable to transmit a response to the floor-control request; and
a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable to avoid simultaneous service origination and paging in a group communication network, wherein the processor is configured to not respond immediately to the floor-control request.
53. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, the processor further being capable of to cache the floor-control response before the transmitting.
54. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
55. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further

capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse access channel.

56. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request on a reverse enhanced access channel.

57. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the receiver is further capable to receive the floor-control request in short data burst form.

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70. (Currently Amended) A method for avoiding simultaneous service origination and paging in a mobile operating in a group communication network, the method comprising: receiving a floor-control request from a source communication device for initiating a group call;
initiating a service origination process from the source communication device;
transmitting a response to the floor-control request;

delaying a response to the floor control request at a communications manager to avoid paging, wherein the paging is initiated at an infrastructure to re-establish a traffic channel with the source communications device; and

not issuing a service origination request until after a talker mobile station has received a response to the floor-control request.

71. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further including transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.
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73. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 35, further including means for transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.
74. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 52, wherein the transmitter is further capable to transmit a response to the floor-control request after the service origination process is complete.
75. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including transmitting a response after the service origination process is complete.
76. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including caching the floor-control response before the transmitting.
77. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, wherein the receiving includes receiving the floor-control request on a reverse common channel.
78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the floor-control request is on a reverse access channel.
79. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the floor-control request is on a reverse enhanced access channel.
80. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 70, further including receiving a floor-control request and a service origination request bundled in an access channel capsule from the source communication device in the group communication network.

81. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 80, wherein the bundle has application data with CDMA signaling data.

82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the bundle is in short data burst form.

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